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Amendment Responsive to Office Action of August 13, 2004
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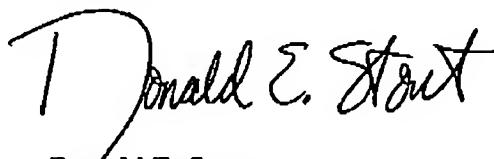
REMARKS

Claims 1-2, 4-5, and 11 have been canceled, claim 3 has been amended, and new claim 14 has been added. Thus, claims 3, 6-10, and 12-14 are pending.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that claims 5 and 9 are objected to, and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, as well as that claims 6, 10, 12, and 13 are allowed. Responsive thereto, independent claim 3 has been amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 5, and intervening claim 4, and both claims 4 and 5 have been canceled. Thus, claim 3 is now in condition for allowance. Claims 7-9 are allowable, since they depend upon allowable claim 3. Claim 11 has been canceled. New claim 14 comprises objected to claim 9 rewritten in independent form. Thus all of the pending claims should now be in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the subject application is in condition for allowance, and entry of the amendment and early notification of allowance is earnestly solicited. If further issues need to be resolved, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,



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